

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are currently pending. Claims 1-25 are allowed. Claims 26-31 have been cancelled herein without prejudice to pursuing their subject matter at a future time. No estoppels are intended by their cancellation. The current claim cancellations have been made to better define one embodiment of the invention. None of the amendments to the claims is related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated so herein. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the originally filed claims in the future.

Claims 30 and 31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed subject matter is allegedly directed to nonstatutory subject matter. As these claims have been cancelled, the rejection is moot. Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 26-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. As these claims have been cancelled, the rejection is moot. Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 30 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. As this claim has been cancelled, the rejection is moot. Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully maintain that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this reply, and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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